ſervation that I have been able to make, women of ſenſibility are the moſt unfit for this taſk, becauſe they will infallibly, carried away by their feelings, ſpoil a child's temper. The management of the temper, the firſt, and moſt important branch of education, requires the ſober ſteady eye of reaſon; a plan of conduct equally diſtant from tyranny and indulgence: yet theſe are the extremes that people of ſenſibility alternately fall into; always ſhooting beyond the mark. I have followed this train of reaſoning much further, till I have concluded, that a perſon of genius is the moſt improper perſon to be employed in education, public or private. Minds of this rare ſpecies ſee things too much in maſſes, and ſeldom, if ever, have a good temper. That habitual cheerfulneſs, termed good-humour, is, perhaps, as ſeldom united with great mental powers, as with ſtrong feelings. And thoſe people who follow, with intereſt and admiration, the flights of genius; or, with cooler approbation ſuck in the inſtruction which has been elaborately prepared for them by the profound thinker, ought not to be diſguſted, if they find the former choleric, and the latter moroſe; becauſe livelineſs of fancy, and a tenacious

a tenacious comprehenſion of mind, are ſcarcely compatible with that pliant urbanity which leads a man, at leaſt, to bend to the opinions and prejudices of others, inſtead of roughly confronting them.

But, treating of education or manners, minds of a ſuperior claſs are not to be conſidered, they may be left to chance; it is the multitude, with moderate abilities, who call for inſtruction, and catch the colour of the atmoſphere they breathe. This reſpectable concourſe, I contend, men and women, ſhould not have their ſenſations heightened in the hot-bed of luxurious indolence, at the expence of their underſtanding; for, unleſs there be a ballaſt of underſtanding, they will never become either virtuous or free: an ariſtocracy, founded on property, or ſterling talents, will ever ſweep before it, the alternately timid, and ferocious, ſlaves of feeling.

Numberleſs are the arguments, to take another view of the ſubject, brought forward with a ſhew of reaſon; becauſe ſuppoſed to be deduced from nature, that men have uſed morally and phyſically, to degrade the ſex. I muſt notice a few.